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READING CONTENT REQUIREMENTS: A TEACHER'S GUIDE

Fact Sheet

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Teacher	Age/Grade Level	Minimum Number Semester Hours Required*	Time to Complete Credits
Preservice Teacher in MD-Approved Program or Content Mastery Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early Childhood Education •Elementary Education •Special Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Birth - Grade 3 •Grades 1-8 	12 Semester Hours	From time of enrollment in approved program to completion or by completion of content mastery requirements
Preservice Teacher in MD-Approved Program or Content Mastery Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Secondary Education •Special Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Grades 6-12 	6 Semester Hours	From time of enrollment in approved program to completion or by completion of content mastery requirements
Preservice Teacher in MD-Approved Program or Content Mastery Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-K-12 Certificate •Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages 	6 Semester Hours	From time of enrollment in approved program to completion or by completion of content mastery requirements
Teacher Seeking Certificate Renewal or Reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Early Childhood Education •Elementary Education •Special Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Birth - Grade 3 •Grades 1-8 	12 Semester Hours	2 Renewal Periods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 credits within 1st renewal period •6 credits within 2nd renewal period
Teacher Seeking Certificate Renewal or Reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Secondary Education •Special Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Grades 6-12 	6 Semester Hours	1 Renewal Period
Teacher Seeking Certificate Renewal or Reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-K-12 Certificate •Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages 	6 Semester Hours	1 Renewal Period
Resident Teacher (MAAPP** only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Elementary Education 	12 Semester Hours	3 credit Processes & Acquisition of Reading before Residency; 9 approved credits prior to award of Standard Professional Certificate
Resident Teacher (MAAPP** only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Secondary Education 	6 Semester Hours	3 credit Reading in the Content Area Part I before Residency; 3 approved credits prior to award of Standard Professional Certificate

* Teachers who have already taken comparable courses will be able to substitute those courses for the requirements.

** Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program (MAAPP)

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